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For: SOLID-STATE LASER APPARATUS )

Commissioner for Patents  
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**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in § 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of a Final Action, a Notice of Allowance, or another action that closes prosecution in the above-referenced application. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), this Information Disclosure Statement is accompanied by a fee of \$180.00, as specified by § 1.17(p).

The listed documents were cited in an Office Action dated February 19, 2008 that issued in related U.S. Patent Application No. 10/569,465 which published as U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0297470. This U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2007/0297470 is also listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. A copy of the Office Action dated February 19, 2008 is also attached hereto for the Examiner's consideration.

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Copies of the listed non-U.S. patent documents are also attached hereto. One of the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 is in a language other than English. The relevance of the document can be understood at least from the attached English-language Abstract and from the citation of the document in the Office Action dated February 19, 2008.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "Prior Art". If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "Prior Art" under the United States law, Applicants reserve the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicants further reserve the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

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any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENIONS OF**

**TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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